Be kind. Be truthful. Be decent.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The Minister will answer.

श्री सुरेश पचौरी : महोदया, जब हम इस बिल को पास कर रहे हैं, तो क्या मंत्री जी इस बात की जांच कराएंगे ? इसमें जो दोषी पाए जाएंगे, उनके खिलाफ सख्त से सख्त कार्यवाही करेंगे ? और, उसमें सिफारिश माननीय सदस्य की नहीं मानेंगे ?

SHRI KAMAL NATH : Madam, I do not have any knowledge, but I am confident that Dr. Jain will not, with his love and care for animals, support killing of elephants in temples, not even by his party members. I do not know the authenticity of this, but I do not think he would support this.

With regard to Kerala, this was a very ghastly incident, enquiries are taking place. Action has taken place. I have also discussed this very recently with the Chief Minister of Kerala when I was there. I am confident that those responsible for it will be brought to book.

I commend to this House passing of this Bill again and I hope my reply would satisfy the hon. Members.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : As a zoologist I am very happy that this Bill is being passed. (*Interruptions*). Whatever it might be. मिस्टर जैन, आप अपना रेजोल्यूशन विदड्रा कर रहे हैं ?

डा० जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन : अफसोस के साथ कि मैंने खाली चाहा था कि वे कहें,

yes, I will improve the efficiency of my Department. Why should the Minister have so much ego and not tell the truth ? I think his ego may be his problem, yet I will cooperate with him and I withdraw my Resolution.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : From what I heard from the Minister I feel he is sincere about it, that he never knew that there would be so much enthusiasm about the zoos and about the animals and that perhaps brought it to that level that the delay took place. I do not think I have any reason to disbelieve him.

DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN : It may be an error of judgement. Yet I cooperate.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : May be, you are right, but I give benefit of doubt to the Minister.

Now, has he the leave of the House to withdraw his Resolution ?

The Resolution was, by leave, withdrawn

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Now I put the motion of Shri Kamal Nath That the Bill further to amend the Wild Life (Protectoin) Act, 1972, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration.

The motion was adopted

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : We shall now take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

Clauses 2 and 3 were added to the Bill

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill

SHRI KAMAL NATH : Sir, I move : That the Bill be passed.

The question was put and the motion was adopted

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Now we take up the statement ...

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Accidental deaths in Shahad, Kalyan, near Bombay due to Toxic Release from M/s. Century Rayon Limited

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : I have also a statement...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : You can lay it on the Table. (*Interruptions*). He is taking the permission to lay it on the Table.

SHRI KAMAL NATH : Madam, I have already laid it on the Table of the Lok Sabha. I think most of the facts are known to the Members. So, may I have the permission of the House to lay it on the Table of the House ?

DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN : Madam, we have to seek clarifications.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : You will seek the clarification after I have finished the other business.

DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN : He cannot get away like this.

SHRI KAMAL NATH : I lay the statement on the Table.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Now we go to the statement of the State Minister in the Ministry of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

(श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह) : कापी कहां है

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I think you can continue. Everybody has got a copy.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Introduction of New Satellite-based TV Channel in India

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : Madam, as the Hon'ble Members are aware, Television in India started in 1959 on an experimental manner. During the last 34 years, we have established 546 television transmitters all over the country. These transmitters are capable of giving TV programmes within a fixed geographical area. Initially, these transmitters could not be inter-connected into a national network. With the launching of communication satellite, it was possible to transmit a common programme from one production centre and network the programme throughout the country. At present, two Indian communication satellites, INSAT-1D and INSAT-2A are in operation and are being used for the purpose of television in India. A number of transponders on these two satellites are being used for regional programmes in the States of Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Gujarat, Assam and West Bengal. Such regional programmes are produced in the State capital studios and are carried by all the transmitters within the respective States from 5.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. At other times of the day, the programmes originate in Delhi and are transmitted and networked throughout the country. Government has considered the need for utilising the spare time available in these transponders and introduce a variety of television services to cater to the diverse interests and needs of the country.

The Hon'ble Members are aware that several foreign satellite TV channels have started beaming their signals to this country and we are facing what is described by many as cultural invasion. In order to give a befitting response to this challenge, Government proposes to start a few more channels using the spare time on these transponders. These TV signals, uplinked through the transponders on Indian satellites, can be received through appropriate TV receiving equipment, commonly known as dish antenna and can be further distributed by the cable operators. A large number of cable operators today have installed equipment to receive signals from Asiasat (STAR, BBC & ZEE TV). The reception from the Indian satellite system can be received by the same dish antenna by changing its direction. Individuals can also have their own dish antenna. One of the attractions for such cable operators to reorient the dish antenna to the INSAT system will be that Doordarshan would also be capable of offering a multi-channel option to its viewers comparable to any such service available in India. It is proposed to start these channels in a phased manner beginning from 1st April, 1993 and increase both the number of the channels and their duration as and when software and hardware facilities are available.

It is proposed to devote these channels to the following :—

(i) Primary Channel—the present format of Doordarshan.